



The Cost of Israel's US-Funded Genocide

Since 2023, Israel has carried out a brutal genocide against the civilian population of Palestinians in the densely populated Gaza strip, killing [an estimated 186,000 people](#), including [at least 13,000 children](#), as well as many [journalists](#), [medics](#), and [humanitarian workers](#). The [UN](#), [Amnesty International](#), the [International Court of Justice](#), and many other international organizations have determined that this is a genocide.

The US is funding this genocide. In 2024, the US allocated an unprecedented [\\$17.9 billion in military aid for Israel](#). **LA County alone contributed \$636 million¹ in federal income tax to Israel's genocide.** As so many Angelenos struggle and the Trump administration pushes domestic spending cuts, there are better uses for this money than death and destruction.

With \$636 million, LA County could have:

housed **every homeless person in the county** for 4 months². Instead, we made over 1 million homeless³ in Gaza.

rebuilt **over 1,000 homes** destroyed in the Palisades and Eaton fires⁴. Instead, we bombed [over half of all the buildings in Gaza](#).

forgiven **over 16,000 student loans**⁵. Instead, we bombed [every university in Gaza](#).

fed **LA county's 400,000 hungry children** for 3 months⁶. Instead, our blockade deprives almost a million children of the nutrition they need⁷.

provided **free or low-cost healthcare for 221,000 children** for a year⁸. Instead, we attacked [every hospital in Gaza](#).

¹ 3.56% of total military aid to Israel in 2024. Based on the percentage of federal income tax paid by LA County out of total federal income tax paid, according to [IRS data](#) for 2022, using income tax paid after credits, following methodology from [National Priorities Project](#). Statics for "LA County" sum over [all ZIP codes in LA County](#).

² Based on a [homeless population of 75,312](#), housed at the [median studio apartment monthly rent of \\$2,026](#).

³ Based on an estimated [50% of homes being destroyed](#) and a population of [at least 2 million](#).

⁴ Based on [cost of replacement estimates from Milliman](#).

⁵ Based on an average of [\\$37,787 in debt per forgiven loan](#).

⁶ Assuming [400,000 food-insecure children in the county](#). Based on [\\$475/month for groceries](#). Note that this estimate is likely conservative, as \$475 is a household number and many households provide for more than one child.

⁷ [90% of children in Gaza lack necessary nutrition](#). An estimated [43% of Gaza's 2.1 million people, or 903,000, are children](#).

⁸ Based on [\\$2,874 per child in Medicaid expenditures](#).